

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] ALOYSIUS CARDINAL STEPINAC, of Yugoslavia: "The Holy See always is ready for agreement, with all men of good faith, but never under dictation. The term 'dictate' is unknown in the dictionary of the Catholic Church." . . . [2] Gen OMAR BRADLEY, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff: "I don't know how to settle the Korean conflict, and I haven't met anybody who does know." . . . [3] FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, Jr, *touring Europe as mbr of House For'gn Affairs Comm*: "If Europe and Britain are not as worried about defense as they were formerly . . . why should the U S push (them) faster than they want to go?" . . . [4] WALTER P REUTHER, pres, CIO, *after a conference with auto execs*: "We agreed that an answer to labor-management problems had to be found at the bargaining table, and not in Washington." . . . [5] Sen Jos R MCCARTHY (R-Wis): "The Eisenhower administration started off very well. I find nothing to investigate in it yet." . . .

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### Quote of the Week

BERNARD M BARUCH, 82-yr-old financier, *asked if he would take a job in the new Administration*: "As the girl said when asked why she had never married, I can only answer, 'Nobody has asked me.'"

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[6] HARRY S TRUMAN: "I would give anything to be in the Senate at the present time." . . . [7] FRANCES PERKINS, *retiring after 20 yrs in Gov't service*: "I am seeking a proper location for my talents. I don't knit." . . . [8] DONOLD B LOURIE, Under Sec'y of State, *commenting on fact that public prints usually get his 1st name wrong*: "I don't think my Scotch grandfather could spell very well." . . . [9] ADLAI E STEVENSON, *retiring as Gov of Ill*: "This is Springfield's greatest break—they've heard me talk for the last time."

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



As 83rd Congress gets under way, need for new terminology is emphasized. "Conservative" has been linked with "reactionary" and "liberal" with "radical" until both are resented and resisted. Yet there is practical occasion to classify these groups. Party labels have lost much meaning; they no longer suffice. . . In the initial showdown—an attack on the filibuster—insurgents showed more zeal than sagacity. On this issue they were impelled to attack the venerable tradition that the Senate is a continuing body. Even some Senators favorably disposed to FEPC balked on this stand, considering it a clear breach of the Constitutional definition. Taft's motion to table prevailed 70-21. Not a clear measure of the strength of moderate forces. On many issues we may anticipate that vote will be much closer.

**PRICE CONTROLS:** Prices in a fair way to control themselves. Competition increasingly evident. Wholesale quotations generally downward for 2 yrs. Talk of early abandonment of controls, but we think they will run their course to expiration, largely without force. Nothing definite on a stand-by bill. Administration probably will want this emergency power. . . **BUDGET:** No early hacking. This will surprise many. But Eisenhower men want to study the bird, locate the joints, before starting to carve. . . **TAXES:** Many suppositions. Discount everything except direct Treasury statements. And Treasury isn't talking. Probably no action before mid-yr—to stimulate business in 2d half.

**MERE MENTION:** Prompt Statehood for Hawaii might assure 2 add'l Republican Senators. Alaska? Tends Democratic; no early action. Flagmakers beam at prospect of replacing 200 million outdated banners. . . Television unit sales in '53 may outstrip radio for 1st time. . . Eisenhower will "spell out" program to Congress in later message. His inaugural address was primarily inspirational.



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*Charles H. Johnson*



#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS—1

The guy who cuts a wide path, rarely cuts a long one.—DON MARSHALL, *Partners*.

#### ACTION—2

If you consistently do your best, the worst won't happen.—B C FORBES, *Forbes*.

#### ACTION—Lack—3

If you are waiting for someone to give you a chance, then you already have a life-time job.—RAY D EVERSON.

#### ADVERTISING—4

Advertising is a good deal like marriage. There may be a better way—but what is it?—HAL STEBBINS, *Advertiser's Digest*.

#### AGE—5

On a guess you would say that the states with highest percentage of persons over 65 are California and Florida. Actually, according to *Printers' Ink*, the 5 high states, percentagewise, are, in order, New Hampshire, Vermont, Iowa, Maine and Kansas. All of their oldsters haven't moved to warmer climes!

#### ART—6

Painting is not very difficult when you don't know how. But when you know, ah! then, it is a different matter.—DEGAS quoted in *American Artist*.

#### BEHAVIOR—7

No man can get the best of us—unless we let him play upon the worst.—*Indiana Farmers Guide*.

#### CHARACTER—8

Character is like a rifle; it cannot shoot higher than it is aimed.—*Woodmen of the World Mag.*

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#### Actions Speak Louder

I'm really wise, and kind, and good

And generous: a fact that may Not be so obvious as it would If I should act that way.—JANE MERCHANT, *Christian Science Monitor*. 9

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#### CHILD—Training—10

A potted plant ceases to grow, withers, and dies if it is not often repotted, tended, and given space in which to expand; in a similar manner, the child needs new experiences, open fields to explore, and freedom from the limited confines of sense knowledge.—Sister AGNES LUCILE, Nazareth College, Louisville, Ky, "The Role of Aesthetics in Child Adjustment," *Education*, 12-'52.

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Babies control and bring up their parents, as much as they are controlled by them; in fact we may say that the family brings up a baby by being brought up by him. — DR JANE LOEVINGER, Washington Univ, addressing American Ass'n for Advancement of Science.

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## "Of all things!"

Economists, these days, are giving a good deal of attention to the bldg industry. For 7 yrs now, we have been turning out new housing units at a million-a-yr rate. This is a record volume. Naturally there is some apprehension that we may be bldg more houses than the mkt will absorb.

The significant fact, however, is that in an advancing economy, mere volume is not a dependable measure. Despite constant reminders, we overlook the prime point: population. We are adding 2½ million people, or about 800,000 household units a yr to our nat'l group. Thus the only realistic comparison is on the basis of family units.

In the great bldg boom of the 20's (which collapsed with the depression) we were averaging 41.4 starts per 1000 non-farm families. Currently, our million new home units a yr represents only 28.1 starts per 1000 non-farm families. The "bldg boom" has some distance yet to go.

But the war-end famine in housing is being appeased. And some changes are clearly indicated. The time approaches when it will no longer be possible to paint a row of shoe-boxes, decorate them with a few cheap shrubs, and sell the units to house-hungry families at \$13,000 to \$15,000. The trend is toward "more house for the money." Prefabrication will continue to increase in porportion to the total mkt. The small bldr will, in our opinion, find it increasingly tough to meet competition.

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### CLIMATE—11

Water is something we have always taken pretty much for granted. Thru the centuries, gentle rains have fallen alike upon the just and the unjust—in quantities sufficient for all practical purposes. But last wk, Dr Paul H Sears, Prof of Conservation at Yale Univ, pointed out to mbrs of the American Ass'n for the Advancement of Science that the climate of N America is continually getting warmer and drier, and that this course will be maintained for several centuries.

If, he warned, we continue wasteful operations that reduce the efficiency of the water cycle, a serious water scarcity may result in profound changes in our industrial and agricultural patterns. Vast areas now densely populated may have to be virtually abandoned.

### CONSCIENCE—12

There are only a few things heavier than lead—one of them being a guilty conscience.—*Grit*.

### COST OF LIVING—13

Had you lived in the 14th Century, we are reminded by a contemporary writer, for a sum equivalent to \$50 in our currency, you could have fully equipped a farm, with enough left over to pay the annual rent of \$5.

The catch, of course, was to get your hands on the \$50—that being more money than the average citizen saw in the course of a normal lifetime.

### CURIOSITY—14

Curiosity is free-wheeling intelligence.—ALISTAIR COOKE, "The Art of Curiosity," *Vogue*, 1-'53.

### DEFENSE—15

The problem in defense is how far you can go without destroying from within what you are trying to defend from without.—DWIGHT D EISENHOWER.

### DRINK—Drinking—16

An Old Timer can remember when saloons had false fronts outside—instead of lined up at the bar.—DAVID O FLYNN, *Partners*.

### EDUCATION—17

Twice as many students as now go to college should go. Educators feel that the high school grad should have an IQ of 110 or better in order to have a good chance of successfully completing a 4-yr course in college. (About 1/4 of U S population has an IQ of 110 or more.) Of the qualified high school students, 20% do not finish high school, 40% do finish and do not go to college, and 40% go to college. In other words, we are today giving a higher education to only 2/5 of our youth who are capable of being benefited by college.—Dr BYRON HOLLINSHEAD, *Who Should Go to College*, (Columbia Univ Press).

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There is a very strong tendency to emphasize quantitative rather than qualitative standards. We boast how many Americans go to college, rather than ask how much the average college education am'ts to.—JOS WOOD KRUTCH, "Is Our Common Man Too Common?", *Saturday Review*, 1-10-'53.

### EGOTISM—18

When egotism appears, good luck departs. — JACQUES LOLOUCH, *La Femme et la Vie*, Paris (QUOTE translation).



It would appear that the various public-interest funds are becoming increasingly magazine-minded. *Challenge*, a new digest-size monthly in field of popular economics, is angeled by Alfred P Sloan Foundation. N Y Univ Inst of Economic Affairs is sponsor.

What factual basis is there for the common belief that the genius is a screwball; that the "bright child" will "burn out", become a mediocre adult? In *Canadian Business* (Nov) Douglas J Wilson records results of 1st 25-yr study of a specific group. ("When a Genius Grows Up") Conclusion: the superior person, who may be detected in early life by scientific tests, is likely to excel in many activities, and to remain superior thru life.

*The Freeman* rep'ts, via a Vienna correspondent, that the songs of Paul Robeson still are frequently featured on the *Voice of America* radio programs abroad, despite the fact that the Negro artist has "declared open war on the American people."

U S A, backed by Nat'l Ass'n of Mfrs, is ceasing publication with 12th monthly issue (Feb). Directors are facing fact that they cannot reach goal of 300,000 circulation without investing \$1 million in property. Proves once again that organization - sponsored periodical starts with 2 strikes.

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### The Big Show

In Nov, Gen Eisenhower said he wanted a "simple, dignified inaugural." Plans have changed, as reported by *News-week* (1-12-53). The inaugural, biggest and best in American history, will cost around \$1 million rather than \$300,000 as originally planned. Typical of growth is Inaugural Committee '53, which started as a fairly compact unit with a \$13,000 surplus from last inauguration. It has now expanded into 34 subcommittees, one of which had 650 members—so many that it had to be subdivided into 33 sub-subcommittees. Ten thousand people will be on the job Inauguration Day; 15,000 will be admitted to the grandstand; at least 150 loud speakers will broadcast the show. "It's been a real problem," sighed an official, "to keep this a simple affair." 19

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### ERROR—20

The man who invented the eraser had the human race pretty well sized up.—JOHN M HENRY, *A Little Treasury of Main Street U S A* (Vanguard).

### FEAR—21

Clyde Beatty had little trouble controlling a cageful of jungle cats with 2 things, fearlessness and an ordinary kitchen chair. No animal should be afraid of a chair but they are. Beatty found them like human beings, largely bluff.

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We humans often act like those animals, allowing ourselves to be bluffed by something that has little or no reality. When we are afraid to tackle some task, let us ask ourselves: "Are we being bluffed by a kitchen chair?"—*Nashua Cavalier*, hm, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.

### FRIENDSHIP—22

When men are friends, justice is unnecessary. But when men are just, friendship is still a boon.—*Woman's Day*.

### GIFTS—Giving—23

It is not God who needs the gifts; it is we who need to do the giving.—EARL RINEY, *Church Mgt.*

### GOVERNMENT—24

The Fed'l gov't can give to people only what it has previously taken from them, minus the cost of administration.—ALLAN B KLINE, pres, American Farm Bureau.

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Many people consider the things gov't does for them to be social progress, but they regard the things gov't does for others as socialism.—EARL WARREN, Gov of Calif.

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As the new administration takes over in Washington, there are 150,000 patronage jobs available in the Fed'l gov't.—*Survey Bulletin*.

### GOVERNMENT—Employees—25

One dollar out of every 6 paid out in wages and salaries in our land, goes to a gov't worker. They have increased by 50% in less than 2 yrs.—*Erie Mag*, hm, Erie Ry.

## INFLATION—26

John, Senior, handed his young son a lecture on inflation along with his wkly allowance of \$2. Seeking a simple, impressive illustration, he said, "Didn't that new baseball you bought last wk cost \$1?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, \$1 represents half of your total wkly allowance. Two yrs ago that same baseball would have cost only 50¢—or only  $\frac{1}{4}$  of your allowance. That's a simple example of inflation. Understand now?"

"No, sir. Because 2 yrs ago the baseball would still have taken half of my allowance. Remember? I only got \$1 then."—CHAS McMILLIN, *Your Life*.

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"and departing . . ."

Observer (London) referring to Pres Truman: "If he is not a great man, he is the most wonderful 'little man' who ever made great history."

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Brisbane (Australia) *Courier-Mail*: "Pres Truman may lack several of the attributes that raise a public figure to tallest stature in the eyes of posterity. But he has acquitted himself well in the world's most responsible job, and has proved himself a courageous leader of his country and a good internationalist."

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*Sunday Times* (London): "The free world has reason to be grateful to the man in the White House over the past 8 yrs." 27

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## It's an IDEA

A village for bad tenants is the unique idea adopted in a suburb of Amsterdam, Holland. Weary of bad neighbors who quickly spoil the atmosphere of new housing projects, the authorities have created a made-to-measure slum for quarrelsome persons, destructive children and hooligans with an itch to throw things. The homes in this "model village" have flat-faced concrete walls and crack-proof pavements, built-in drainage pipes and steel lamp posts. The flush safety glass windows are proof against boys with stones. No 2 entrances adjoin, and few doorways overlook one another. Some 130 families have been transferred to this village. — N Y Herald Tribune.

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## LAUGHTER—28

So what if the world does laugh at you? Laugh back! It's funnier than you are.—OREN ARNOLD, *Kiwanis Magazine*.

## MARRIED LIFE—29

Boredom is not a legal ground for divorce. Yet it is at once the most common and the most lethal poison to which marital happiness is exposed, since it supplies the conditions in which overt reasons for divorce take root and flourish.

. . . In many ways the health of a marriage is like bodily health. The sudden troubles are the easiest to cure. But the marriage that is smothered thru lack of fresh interests is another matter.—ALBERTA WILLIAMS, "Marital Vacations Keep Love Alive," *Coronet*, 1-'53.

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Albert Spalding, violinist, has written a novel, soon to be published by Holt. It is based on the life of Giuseppe Tartini, 18th Century Italian, credited with inventing the modern violin bow.

*N Y Times* rep'ts average selling price of current Best Seller novels is \$3.81; non-fiction, \$3.91. These are record highs.

We have seen, as yet, no dependable statistics as to who buys those 25-cent paper reprints. It is increasingly obvious, however, that the bulk of them are not sold to regular bookstore patrons. In a recent newsletter to the trade Pocket Books analyzes distribution of a typical Western. On a 400,000 print order, 314,595 went to wholesalers serving newsstands. Only 3,500 copies found their way to regular bookstores.

Doubleday has an interesting idea in "Centennial Editions." The plan: Famous books will be re-issued on 100th anniv of original publication. First up is *Bleak House*, the Dickens' classic which will celebrate its 100th birthday this yr.

Frederic Babcock has resurrected an ad from the classified col's of a Chicago newspaper: "Wanted — Bartender, literary type, 9 p m to 2 a m."

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### NOISE—30

According to Harman W Nichols, flowers have temperament, too. Among other things, they are sensitive to noise. Set a vase of flowers too close to a blaring radio or television, and the posies will turn their heads away from the racket; when the noise stops, or if they are moved, they will soon recover.—Mrs H S TRUITT, *Your Life*.

### PERSONALITY—Development—31

The important issue is not whether a person is 20, or 40, or 60; it rather is whether he fulfills his own capacity for self-conscious choice at his particular level of development. This is why a healthy child of 8—as everyone has observed—can be more of a person than a neurotic adult of 30.—ROLLO MAY, *Man's Search for Himself* (Norton).

### PERSONNEL—32

Andrew Carnegie once said that if his steel mills, his inventories, his equipment, and his entire fortune were swept away, he could build them all up again—if just his key men were left to him.—SOPHIA PEKTER, "Insure Those 'Brains'," *Rotarian*.

### PHILOSOPHY—33

My philosophy is to make the most of all that comes, and the least of all that goes.—LUKE PEASE, on television program, *Life Begins at 80*.

### POLITICS—34

Politics should be adjourned for the duration of the world.—"The Almost Perfect State," quoted in *Men Only*, London.



# Pathways to the Past



Week of  
Feb 8-14

**American Heart Wk**

**Nat'l Lutheran Publicity Wk**  
(8-15)

**Nat'l Table Tennis Wk (9-15)**

**Americanism Wk (12-22)**

**Nat'l Defense Wk (12-22)**

**Jaycee Wk—Jr Chbr Commerce**  
(14-21)

**Feb 8** — Boy Scout Day (U S Scouts org 1910). . . 1st issue of *Stars & Stripes*, AEF daily, pub in Paris, 35 yrs ago.

**Feb 9**—180th anniv b of Wm Henry Harrison, 9th Pres of U S. (Died in office month after inaugural, 1841). . . 53 yrs ago today Hearst's *N Y Jnl* published private letter, stolen from mails in Havana, in which Spanish minister to U S characterized Pres McKinley as "spineless." (Minister was recalled, but destruction of battleship *Maine*, in Havana, on 15th, led to Spanish-American War.)

**Feb 10**—Wm Tatem Tilden, tennis star, 60 today. . . Singing telegram introduced by Postal Telegraph Co, 20 yrs ago.

**Feb 11**—145 yrs ago today Judge Jesse Fell, Wilkes-Barre, Pa, held a demonstration in his home for friends and neighbors, proving that anthracite coal would burn and produce heat. It had been considered useless.

**Feb 12**—144th anniv of b of Abraham Lincoln, 16th Pres of U S. ("He now belongs to the ages.")—

EDWIN M STANTON). . . 1st U S Fugitive Slave Law enacted 160 yrs ago. . . Geo Meredith, English novelist, b 125 yrs ago. . . Unique American coin, the silver Trade Dollar authorized 80 yrs ago, for circulation in the Orient. Inadvertently made legal tender in U S, up to \$.50. This provision was repealed, and the coin was discontinued in 1876. . . Baseball catcher's mask invented 75 yrs ago by Frederick Winthrop Thayer, captain of Harvard Univ Baseball Club. . . 1st automobile race around the world began at Times Sq, N Y C, 45 yrs ago. Contestants were 3 French, 1 Italian, 1 German and 1 American car. Winner was the American car, made by E R Thomas, Buffalo, N Y. Elapsed time, 170 days, 88 of which were in actual driving.

**Feb 14**—St Valentine's Day . . . U S flag 1st saluted by a for'gn nation 175 yrs ago, when French recognized the *Ranger*, under command of Capt John Paul Jones. . . U S Dept of Commerce is 50 yrs old today. 1st estab as Dept of Commerce & Labor. A separate Labor Dept was authorized in 1913. . . 20 yrs ago, Gov Comstock, of Mich, ordered all banks in the state closed for 8 days. This was 1st of "Bank Holidays" that swept to 20 states by Mar 4, Roosevelt inauguration day.

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It seems that Otto Grotewohl, the Soviet stooge in E Germany, was walking thru the grounds of the park with Wilhelm Pieck, the Pres. They were chatting of the joy of working for the USSR, but a tiny note of sadness kept creeping in over the precariousness of public life. Alas, what did they see? The figure of a man hanging from a rope.

Grotewohl speaks first: "It is our activist—Adolph Pennecke!"

Says Pieck with a shudder that doesn't quite hide a trace of admiration: "Himmel! He's two yrs ahead of schedule again!"—*New Republic*.

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A for'gn correspondent was interviewing a workman in Warsaw. "Are you for the present regime?" he inq'd.

"I sure am," the worker promptly repl'd. "I'm one of the happiest people in the world. I've a large ap't, a separate bathroom, as much fuel and electricity as I can use, my own radio . . ."

"Really? You have a radio?" said the newspaperman in surprise.

"Why, of course!" said the worker. "How else could I possibly know that I have a large ap't, a separate bathroom, electricity and plenty of heat? How else would I know that I belong to the happiest people on earth?"—ALEXANDER JANTA, *Partners*.

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#### **SAFETY—Safe Driving—35**

Reckless motorist: Man of extinction.—*Newsette*.

#### **SEXES—36**

The boy has grown up when he'd rather steal a kiss than 2nd base.—*Country Gentleman*.

#### **SOCIAL ORDER—37**

History proves that we are more successful in bldg enduring bridges than in bldg lasting society. Bridges are easier to bld.—C G A ROSEN, "Guide Posts to an Engineering Career," *Mechanical Engineering*, 12-'52.

#### **SPEECH—Speaking—38**

One of my editorial associates thinks that this period in man's development, in distinction to the Stone Age and the Iron Age, should be known as the Verbi-Age. —T H CREIGHTON, *Building for Modern Man* (Princeton Univ Press).

#### **TELEVISION—39**

Rapid advancement is being made in science. Until lately we could only hear static. TV has made it possible to see it.—*Cave City (Ky) Progress*.

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As of Jan 1, nearly 21 million TV sets are in use in this country. This figure represents 47% of all U S homes.—HUGH M BEVILLE, Jr, director of research and planning, NBC.

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TV has passed its infancy and now seems to be going into its second childhood. — *Changing Times*.

#### **TEMPER—40**

Temper: That fire-away look in the eye.—MARY C DORSEY, *Catholic Digest*.

#### TIME—41

All of our troubles, if we seek their origin, proceed from not knowing the use of time.—*Information.*

#### TOLERANCE—42

It is the mark of real self-assurance, the sign of inner strength, to be conciliatory and respectful and understanding of the neighbor's point of view. There is no uglier tendency in American nature than the quickness to moral indignation and to wild suspicions of bad faith which many of us display when other people do not think as we do.—**GEO F KENNAN**, in speech "The Nat'l Interest of the U S."

#### TROUBLE—43

All the water in the ocean cannot sink a ship unless the water starts getting inside. All the troubles in the world can't sink a human being unless those troubles invade his inner life. It's good old-fashioned character, after all, that determines what we are.—**VERA WERBLO**, *Prairie Farmer*.

#### TRUTH—44

There is nothing so strong or safe, in any emergency of life, as simple truth.—*Friendly Chat*.

#### VALUES—45

Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing.—**ALBERT EINSTEIN**, quoted in *Royle Forum*, hm, John Royle & Sons.

#### WORLD RELATIONS—46

If all people in all climates can be made reasonably healthy, with even the less able, or industrious having reasonable assurance of basic food and shelter, the clouds of internat'l trouble will in time



#### H-Bomb

Once more the garden gate slams shut on blissful ignorance. For better or for worse, the terrible knowledge of the hydrogen bomb has been given to free people. It brings a heavy burden of maturity and individual responsibility, for in a free people the character of each man contributes to the total effect, as does each atom in nuclear fusion. Unlike the atoms, however, the characters of individual men combine to determine not only the power produced, but the uses to which that power will be put. For the effect of man's new knowledge will not be determined as much by strained intelligence, operating directly, as by his basic character and integrity. The balance between desirable and undesirable trends in human ethics remains close and constantly subject to change. Each individual with any capacity for leadership or influence on his fellow man, and that means most, has now an even greater duty—to develop and to transmit to posterity the high character standards which alone will determine a wise policy and safeguard a civilization.—*Industrial Bulletin* of Arthur D Little, Inc.

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give way to the sunshine of a more agreeable world.—**FLOYD B ODLUM**, "Certainly We Are Going to Meet our Destiny in the Air," *U S Air Services*, 12-'52.

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# Good Stories.....

you can use

The judge had up before him a criminal who was accused of robbing a bank. "Son," said the judge, "I hate to pronounce this sentence on you. I knew your folks and they were both fine people. But it is now my sad duty to sentence you to thirty yrs at hard labor."

The prisoner was stunned. Finally collecting his wits he said: "But, Your Honor, it ain't but 20 yrs for robbing a bank."

"That was the old law," explained the judge patiently. "Under the new law you get 30 yrs."

"Can I send a message to my friends, Judge?" asked the prisoner. "I want to tell them about this new law. They're still robbing banks under the old law."—DAN BENNETT. a

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A friend and I took leave about midnight of a neighbor who had apple-jacked-up our spirits. Starting across the fields for home, the 1st two fences gave us no trouble. At the 3rd, my friend staggered off at right angles toward his own home. That 3rd fence was an old-fashioned rail one and he climbed it, took 3 or 4 paces, climbed it again, took 3 steps and again found the fence in front of him. I watched him as he climbed it some 4 or 5 times more; then I heard him say to himself, "These are the smallest fields I ever saw, or else I'm goin' at a heck of a pace!"—R W BABCOCK, True. b

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

MARION H MONTGOMERY, JR

The summer day had been particularly tiring. The courtroom was sweltering by mid-afternoon. Finally, a plump colored woman, charged with shooting her husband in the leg, chest, arm and "2 other places" was brought to the stand.

The Prosecuting Att'y, obviously trying to mislead the defendant, asked, "And did your husband give you any evidence of intoxication on this occasion, Aunty?"

Aunty was not so easily misled. "Mistah Lawyer," she responded, "dat sorry man ain't nevah give me *nothin'!*"

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A fellow who is a bit of a—let's face it—pain in the neck was inspecting a case of stuffed birds at the home of an ornithologist friend. Peering into one case he sniffed, "What's that queer-looking thing?"

"That," the bird fancier repl'd, "is a snipe."

"It's certainly not *my* idea of a snipe," the man snapped.

"Maybe not," his friend smiled, "but it's God's idea of a snipe."—ROBT BUDGE. c

# Wise Cracks

A group of men, including a minister, were out hiking one day when they got lost. They wandered around for many hours, becoming terribly exhausted, and then they talked of splitting their party into several groups, with the thought that some of them might reach safety and organize rescue crews for the balance. Then one of the men turned to the minister.

"Do you think we'll get out, Reverend?" he asked.

"I'm praying hard," was the minister's answer.

"Let's stick with the preacher, boys," said the man to his companions. "I think he's got connections!"

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The "Friendly Exchange" dep't of a mid-western newspaper recently carried a letter from a reader, seeking an old-fashioned wooden potato-masher, with the explanation, "I would like to find one for my mother-in-law." The editor commented that such mashers were now hard to come by, adding the helpful suggestion: "A wire potato-masher will do quite as well—if you hit her just a little harder."

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On relinquishing his duties as V-pres, Alben Barkley may write his memoirs. A good title for it could be from his favorite song, *My Old Kentucky Home*. To wit: "Veep No More."—Winchester (Ky) Sun.

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If men acted after marriage as they do during courtship, there would be fewer divorces—and more bankruptcies.—FRANCES RODMAN.

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Few things are more expensive than a girl who is free for the evening.—EARL WILSON, Post-Hall Syndicate.

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Kissing: The only acceptable two-faced action. — Outdoor Indiana.

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A person has to work himself to death to buy labor-saving devices these days.—Columbia State.

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The trouble with Socialism is that you run out of rich people so fast that there's no one left to soak but you and me.—Washington (D C) Times-Herald.

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Some girls feel that no man is worse than no man.—Rowan County News (Morehead, Ky).

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The trouble with most of those chlorophyll jokes is that they smell.—JAS MELTON, radio program.

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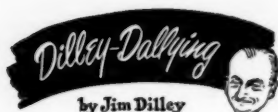
The silver lining is easier to find in somebody else's cloud.—Rotanews.

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An estimate is the repairman's guess that the job will cost about \$4. The final bill, of course, will be \$17.98.—T HARRY THOMPSON, Sales Mg't.

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Banker F T McWhirter tells this one about his son, Mark. When Mark was a three-year old he was standing one day in front of a large mirror. Pointing to his image, he exclaimed, "That's me!"

His aunt, standing nearby, corrected him. "Now, now," she said, "That is I!" Mark considered this for a minute, looked in the mirror again, and repl'd, "Well, it looks like me!"

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During the month of February this question is asked frequently, "Who was our greatest president?" About the only way you can get a quick and positive answer on this one is to ask Harry Truman.

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Well, fear and apprehension for the year ahead have been lifted in St Louis, at least. Stan Musial has signed his 1953 contract.

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One of the most reassuring bits of Americanism to us: First Lady Bess being succeeded by First Lady Mamie.

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Elizabeth of England was 1952's woman of the year to the editor of *Time*, but this column will still take Marilyn of Hollywood.

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Gov Adlai Stevenson is planning a trip around the globe to "gain knowledge of the world's trouble spots." He of course gained knowledge of the one in Chicago last summer.

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A clothing store received this letter from a customer who had ordered a maternity dress.

"Dear Mr Store Sir:

"Please cancel that order for my dress size 44 which you was going to deelivery to me. My deelivery was faster than yours. Respectively, R S."—*Wolf Mag of Letters*. g

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The conductor never let his wife know what he earned, but one day while he was ill she picked up his check.

"John, I never realized that you made all that money!" she exclaimed.

He was equal to the occasion.

"There's really not much left for me" he explained, "after I finish paying for the engineer, the fireman and the brakeman."—*Ill Central Mag*, hm, Ill Central Railroad. h

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With the intention of diverting his son's att'n from Wild West television entertainment, a father bought a book about Abraham Lincoln. A few evenings later the father asked his son what he had learned about Mr Lincoln.

The boy repl'd: "He was shot in a show."—*Indianapolis Star*. i

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Tommy Upton of the Washington Senators squelched a heckler near the bench this spring by telling him this story in soft tones: "You know, when I was a boy, my father had a jackass on our farm and he used to bawl me out for teasing that jackass. He warned me that when that jack died, he'd come back to haunt me in some form. You know, I never believed my father until today."—SHIRLEY POVICH, *Washington Post*. j

Just before the election a gardener at the White House was planting bulbs in a bed close by the fence on Pa Ave. "Are they for Eisenhower or Stevenson?" inq'd a passerby.

"They're not for either," said Old Herbaceous. "They're for the people who own this property."—FELIX MORLEY, *Nation's Business*. k



### Good Luck

*Among the gifts that have poured in on Eisenhower is a five-leaf clover.*—News Item.

I've never seen a five-leaf clover,  
I doubt I'll ever see one.  
Although I look and look all over  
I mostly find a three one.

But if perchance it should befall  
me  
To find a five-leaf beauty,  
My conscience, too, would surely  
call me,  
I'd feel it as my duty

To lay it out quite nice and neatly,  
And if I have to, nail it,  
And wrap and bind it up completely  
And hasten off to mail it,

Yes, put it on the scales for  
weighing  
And urge the special speed of it,  
And send it off, without delaying,  
To him who has most need of it.

A steel worker's wife, tired of waiting up for her husband, locked all the doors and retired for the night. Before long she heard a loud knocking on the front door. She opened the window and asked her husband where he had spent the evening.

"I've been at the Men's Club, dear," he began, "telling the boys about the strike." "Then you can go right back," came the reply, "and tell them about the lockout."—*Providence Jnl Bulletin*. l

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A visitor to the galleries of Congress was asked how she enjoyed it. The answer: "Very much, altho I feel a little like one of my friends who started to read a book on Einstein's theory of relativity. She found she could identify all the words, but when she started to read she couldn't make head nor tail of the sentences." m

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Bobby came to school with a bag of candy and passed the candy proudly around to his school chums. He even treated his teacher. "What is the occasion for all this?" the teacher asked kindly. "Is it your birthday?"

"No," he said, "I became a brother last night."—*Lion*. n

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"I want to complain about your perfume," the young woman said to the dep't store exec. "Your ad said my boy friend would fall for me. He didn't. Instead I wind up falling for him because of his shaving lotion!"—ORVILLE E REED, *Imp*. o

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## Quote-ettes

LOUIS L PUND, Princess Anne, Md teacher, who encouraged 7th-grade pupils to play kissing games in classroom: "It did them a lot of good. It helped them to get over their inhibitions." (Parents objected, and Pund lost his job.)

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MERRICK GILROY, Houston, Tex, seeking divorce because his wife slept with a butcher knife under her pillow: "This practice made me uneasy, and tended to interfere with my normal sleep." 2-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

## News of the **NEW**

In *Country Gentleman*, 1-'53, Michael Welles reports on individual pain-killer. Duke Univ scientists have perfected a mask with which anyone, even a 4-yr-old child, can administer his own pain relief. You hold mask in your hand, lift it to face as needed and take a few whiffs until pain is gone. The gas, Trilene, tested more than one million times in England and America, is safe, non-explosive, produces more profound and prolonged pain relief than any oth-

er available agent, and rarely causes nausea or other side effects. If you take more than needed, loss of consciousness is momentary; you automatically stop inhaling and come to in a few sec's. No anesthetic hang-over. Gas has been used successfully to take pain from treatment for fractures, removal of painful dressings, lancing and draining of abscesses, other distressing procedures. It's even useful in childbirth; woman can administer while waiting for doctor.

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